

Parent Planner for Nursery
Summer 2017
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Small & Mighty!



...will continue Mondays. A full, named P.E. kit will be required please.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

We are going to be exploring our feelings and talking about what makes us feel happy, sad, excited, angry etc... We are also going to be thinking about how our actions can affect how other people feel and how we can be a really good friend. As we move closer to the end of the school year, we will be focussing on changes, and for many of the children, the next exciting step forward onto 'big school.'

Physical Development

We are working hard to develop children's fine motor skills to get ready for writing. Lots of carefully planned activities within the classroom will help to strengthen the children's hand & finger muscles and develop co-ordination such as modelling playdough, threading, using one-handed tools such as scissors and tweezers, using peg boards and much more. We will also be supporting children to hold a pencil/pen with a comfortable and accurate grip in order to develop their mark-making skills and begin to form some letters. In P.E. this term, we will be focusing on athletics and multi-skills in preparation for Sports Day! Lessons will take place outdoors depending on the weather. During the second half of the term, our dance teacher Kirsty will return to teach us some more fantastic dance routines.

Communication and Language

Children are continually encouraged to talk about their experiences and ideas with adults and each other through play and dedicated group times. We will be encouraging children to listen carefully to each other and respond appropriately during their play. Our topic focuses on 'minibeasts' and children will be introduced to new vocabulary relating to this, including the names of creepy crawlies, how they look and how they move.

British Values Focus

Mutual Respect: Treating others how we want to be treated!



Literacy

Our main text for the first half of this term is 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. Alongside this, we will be sharing lots of other bug-based books, including, Creepy Crawly Calypso, The Very Busy Spider and Superworm. Children will be encouraged to listen to stories carefully and talk about the main events, the characters and settings. Children will continue to take part in regular phonics lessons and will be learning lots of new letters and sounds this term through games and activities.

Maths

As well as continuing to develop children's confidence and understanding of number, there will be a big focus on 'shape' this term. Children will have lots of opportunities to explore shapes during planned activities as well as through their play. We will explore how shapes can be arranged to create patterns and pictures and begin to use some of their names. We will look for shapes within our environment and talk about those which are round/curved/straight etc. Children will be encouraged to use their number skills in order to describe shapes, such as counting the number of sides and corners they have.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be developing our drawing skills by learning how to use line and shape to represent objects and minibeasts. We will also be thinking carefully about how we can combine different media to create new effects. We will learn how to create collaborative 3D art by making paper mache models with our friends. As well as some old favourites, we will be learning to sing some new songs. Children can enjoy performing these on our outdoor stage if they wish to!

Understanding the world

We are very excited as we will be taking care of our very own hungry caterpillars in Nursery! Children will be able to gain an understanding of growth and change as they watch them eat, grow and hide away inside their little cocoons before emerging out into beautiful butterflies! We are sure this will promote lots of discussion and questioning from both the children and adults alike!

Watch this space...

A **Stay and Play** session will be happening very soon - date to follow.

The weather is very changeable and can still be quite chilly at times. Therefore, please can you ensure that your child brings a named coat into Nursery with them as they have the choice to play outside each and every day. Equally, in warmer weather, children will need to bring a named sunhat into school and sun cream already applied.

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the team.

Thank you for all your continuing support.

Unlocking the learning at home...

- In response to many parents, we will be giving Nursery children the chance to complete a weekly 'Home Learning Challenge.' The challenges will reflect the current learning within Nursery and will give parents the opportunity to consolidate and deepen their child's learning in this area. However, this is entirely optional and not to be treated as 'compulsory homework.'
- Please continue to regularly read with your child and talk to them about the pictures/story/characters. What do they think will happen next? Which character do they like the best? Why did that happen? What can they see in the picture?
- Please continue to regularly check Tapestry in order to gain a deeper insight into their experiences in Nursery. Your child will also love to look at pictures of themselves with you and will be encouraged to talk about what they have been doing. It is lovely when parents also upload photographs of their child as we can talk to them about their wider experiences outside of school.